



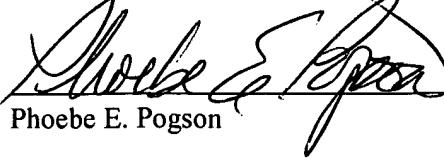
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2800**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/075,640

Confirmation No. : 9841

Applicant : Michael Nuttall and Garry Anthony Mercaldi

Filed : February 13, 2002

Attorney Docket No.: 500803.02

Art Unit : 2818

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : David Vu

Title : METHOD FOR ENHANCING VERTICAL GROWTH DURING THE SELECTIVE FORMATION OF SILICON, AND STRUCTURES FORMED USING SAME

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated May 16, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Effective on 12/08/04

Complete if Known

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First Inventor	Michael Nuttall
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Examiner Name	David Vu
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 Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)**METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)**

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

 Check Enclosed.**Extra Claim Fees**

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total 9	- 22	= 0	x \$ 50	= \$ 0
Ind. 1	- 3	= 0	x \$ 200	= \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$
			Subtotal (Extra Claims)	<u>\$ 0</u>

Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)	Fee \$400
§ 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.	
§ 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.	
§ 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.	
§ 1.183 to suspend the rules.	
§ 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent.	
§ 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under §1.740 for extension of patent term.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)	Fee \$200
§ 1.12 for access to an assignment record.	
§ 1.14 for access to an application.	
§ 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.	
§ 1.59 for expungement of information.	
§ 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.	
§ 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when §1.136(a) not avail.	
§ 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.	
§ 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.	
§ 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.	
§ 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in <i>ex parte</i> reexam. proceedings.	
§ 1.956 for request for ext. of time in <i>ex parte</i> reexam. proceedings.	
§ 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.	
§ 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.	
§ 5.25 for retroactive license.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h)	Fee \$130
§ 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.	
§ 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.	
§ 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.	
§ 1.102(d) to make an application special.	
§ 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.	
§ 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.	
§ 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.	

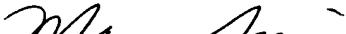
3. ADDITIONAL FEES			
Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee paid
50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
130	65	Surcharge - Late nonprovisional filing fee or oath	\$
180	180	Submission of IDS	\$
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
120	60	Extension for reply within first month	\$
450	225	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1,020	510	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1,590	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
2,160	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
790	395	Submission After Final 1.129	\$
500	250	Notice of Appeal	\$
500	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1,000	500	Request for oral hearing	\$
130	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
800	400	Design Issue Fee	\$
790	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
130		Request for voluntary publication or republication	\$
500	250	Petition to Revive – unavoidable	\$
1,500	750	Petition to Revive – unintentional	\$
200		Filing for patent term adjustment	\$
400		Request for reinstatement of term reduced	\$
1,120		Extension of term of patent	\$
OTHER FEE (specify)			
Subtotal (Additional Fees)			\$0
Total Amount of Payment:			\$0

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